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## Aruba is third most desired destination for Venezuelans

ORANJESTAD -- In Monday's press conference Minister of Tourism, Otmar Oduber, shared information about his recent visit to Venezuela. In Venezuela he learned that Aruba won the prize the best branding campaign with American Airlines and other big companies competing.

The Minister met with tour operators and airline companies and shared some of the positive results with them. How in the first 6 months of 2011 there was a 42% increase in visitor arrivals from Venezuela. And, of the remarkable visitor increase seen in the month of June, which traditionally is a

low month, but which recorded a whopping 47% increase.

Minister Oduber also met with the Dutch Embassy in Venezuela to explore the various projects. He then met with the Civil Aeronautical service in view of the initiation of flights from Aruba to Venezuela by Insel Air Aruba in early August.

The Minister's visit was extremely productive and well received by his Venezuelan counterparts, and the Venezuelan press. Aruba today is the third most desired destination at the national level in Venezuela. First and second place are the USA and Spain.

## Every Department of Labor employee has guaranteed employment according to Minister of Labor

ORANJESTAD -- Because of the questions raised regarding the job security of the employees of the Department of Labor and those in the newly formed DPL department, the Minister of Labor, Otmar Oduber, decided to provide an explanation during last week's press conference.

Oduber declared emphatically that no employee lost his job. He explained that there is a process of disintegration which is taking place in order to create the new department, the Department for Labor Progress. There is an open process in which 120 civil servants participated.

Every person in the new



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Department came from another government departments who applied for a change of department, but that there are absolutely no one from the private sector in any position within the department just created, according to Oduber. Those who applied were accepted except for 11 persons from DAO who were not accepted. Those accepted will join together with the DAO employees to function in the new DPL.

The 11 persons who were not accepted will apply to other departments within the government and will continue

to receive their salaries uninterrupted and unchanged until they have been relocated.

With respect to other criticisms, Oduber indicated that the selection of employees for DPL was not his doing; a duly elected commission was totally in charge of the selection process. The process was handled together with the Human Resources department of the government. The only involvement Oduber had was in the nomination of a director for the new department and his decision was based on the advice of a commission assigned to advice him on that matter.

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MOGADISHU, Somalia -- Internally displaced Somali women yesterday received food-aid rations at a distribution center, in an IDP camp in the Somali capital Mogadishu. An estimated 3.7 million people in Somalia -- around a third of the population -- are on the brink of starvation and millions more in Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda have been struck by the worst drought in the region in 60 years. The UN's World Food Program (WFP) said its food airlift to the Somali capital Mogadishu for drought victims was delayed on July 26 due to last minute bureaucratic hurdles in Kenya. AFP PHOTO



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## India, Pakistan top diplomats hold peace talks

NEW DELHI (AFP) - India and Pakistan's foreign ministers were set today to hold their first talks in a year, looking to breathe fresh life into a peace process still stifled by the trauma of the 2008 Mumbai attacks.

India suspended contacts with its arch-rival after the attacks and their peace dialogue has struggled to gain any real traction since its formal resumption earlier this year in an atmosphere of mutual recrimination and mistrust.

Observers expect little to emerge from today's meeting beyond some modest confidence-building measures connected to relatively uncontroversial issues such as cross-border trade and people-to-people contacts.

And India will likely take the opportunity to press Pakistan once again to clamp down on anti-India militant

groups like the Lashker-e-Taiba (LeT) -- blamed for the Mumbai assault.

For the moment, however, the two sides seem more focused on simply keeping the dialogue alive and steadying a volatile relationship between the nuclear-armed neighbours that has contributed to decades of instability in South Asia.

Arriving in New Delhi on Tuesday Pakistani Foreign Minister Hina Rabbani Khar stressed the need for both countries to learn from, but not be burdened by, "the lessons of history."

They should move forward as "friendly neighbours, who

have a stake in each other's future and who understand the responsibility that both the countries have to the region," she said.

India and Pakistan are jockeying for influence in Afghanistan ahead of the planned US troop withdrawal and Washington sees working India-Pakistan ties as crucial to Afghanistan's post-war viability.

The seemingly intractable territorial dispute over Kashmir was the trigger for two of the three Indo-Pakistan wars and has repeatedly scuppered previous attempts at a comprehensive peace deal.

## Mexican judge convicts US teen assassin

CUERNAVACA (AFP) - A Mexican judge on Tuesday handed a three-year jail term to a 14-year-old US citizen accused of four brutal murders on behalf of a drug gang, a local prosecutor said.

The judge considered Edgar Jimenez Lugo "responsible for everything presented against him," including three kidnappings, weapons and drug possession, said Morelos

state prosecutor Jose Manuel Serrano at the trial near the resort city of Cuernavaca in central Mexico.

Authorities said Jimenez confessed to killing four youths, whose mutilated bodies were hung from a bridge in 2010 in Cuernavaca, on behalf of the South Pacific drug gang.

The judge handed the boy the maximum jail sentence al-

lowed for a minor in the state, and a fine of 4.5 million pesos (390,000 dollars).

Police detained Jimenez last December at Cuernavaca airport as he apparently tried to flee the country for San Diego, California, where his Mexican mother lives.

Jimenez, who is nicknamed "El Ponchis," has said he was abducted and drugged to carry out the killings.

## Canada nabs Peruvian on suspicion of war crimes

TORONTO (AFP) - Canada on Tuesday announced the arrest of a Peruvian suspected of war crimes and crimes against humanity -- the third such arrest since the government issued a list of 30 wanted foreign fugitives.

Manuel de la Torre Herrera, 57, was taken into custody in the Toronto area and is being held by border patrol agents pending extradition, public safety minister Vic Toews said in a statement.

The government did not explain the crimes allegedly

committed by the Peruvian national, but the National Post reported that he was a 14-year veteran of Peru's security forces.

He had been hiding in Canada since the rejection of his request for asylum in 2004, the report said.

Since the publication of the list of wanted war crimes suspects last week, Canadian authorities have arrested a Honduran former soldier, Cristobal Gonzalez-Ramirez, and Pakistani national Arshad Muhammad.

Both stand accused of complicity in war crimes or crimes against humanity.

"Our message is clear; those who are active or complicit in war crimes and crimes against humanity can no longer hide in the shadows," Toews said, urging the public to come forward with any information about the wanted suspects.

"It is in all our best interests to find these individuals and to deal with them according to the law and the systems we work hard to protect."

## Norway suspect's lawyer warns gunman may be 'insane'

OSLO (AFP) - The lawyer for the Norwegian gunman who claimed responsibility for killing 76 people in twin attacks last week said Tuesday that everything about his client's case indicates he is "insane".

He believes that he's in a war and he believes that when you're in a war you can do things like that without pleading guilty," the lawyer said of the 32-year-old Norwegian who claims to be trying to bring about an anti-Muslim revolution.

Asked about the implications of his client being adjudged medically insane after blowing up the government centre in Oslo and shooting dead 68 people on a nearby island, Lippestad said: "He can't be punished in a jail."

He said his client used unspecified drugs to make himself "strong, efficient, to keep him awake" going into Friday's rampage.

Behring Breivik wrote and published a 1,500-page manifesto before starting his bombing and shooting spree.

In Oslo, the head of the Labour Party's youth movement vowed to restore its summer camp on the island.

A Norwegian businessman has pledged around 600,000 euros (870,000 dollars) to redevelop the island, 40 kilometres (25 miles) northwest of Oslo.

Faced with the worst crimes on its territory since World War II, many in Norway have been dismayed by the prospect that the perpetrator could serve just 21 years behind bars -- the maximum sentence for the terrorism charges Behring Breivik currently faces.

But prosecutor Christian Hatlo told the Aftenposten newspaper that police are considering charging him with crimes against humanity for the bombing of Oslo's government district and a shooting bloodbath on a nearby island.

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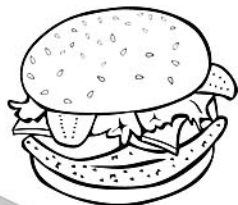
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## Aruba Music Explotion bringing 13 charter flights from Venezuela



ORANJESTAD -- During his recent visit in Venezuela, the Minister of Tourism, Otmar Oduber, made an announcement of the various activities to take place in Aruba for the rest of 2011. Some of these activities include the Aruba In Style, the Jazz Festival and the Aruba Explotion. The Aruba Music Explotion is a new festival with its focus specifically on the Latin American market.

The Aruba Music Explotion

will cost the government 200 thousand dollars, contrary to the 1 million that was paid in the past for the Aruba Music Festival. That festival, the Aruba Music Festival, was discontinued on account of the high cost to produce it, and because there was almost no return on the invested funds.

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The festival is scheduled to take place on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of September. Thus far there are commitments made in Venezuela for 13 additional charters to fly to Aruba. Each charter will be bringing about 115 to 135 persons. A quick calculation reveals that there would be between 1500 to 1600 extra passengers to add to those coming on commercial flights to Aruba for the occasion.

## Hurricane Center watching Caribbean storm

Forecasters in the National Hurricane Center in Miami are watching another stormy region of the northwest Caribbean.

While it's given only a 20 percent chance of becoming a named storm in the next 48 hours, the disturbance is expected to get more organized

in the next few days, and does seem like it could bring some badly needed rain to Texas later this week.

The storm, which would be named Don if it reaches tropical storm strength, is located between the Cayman Islands and western Cuba, moving to the west northwest at 10 to 15 mph.

## Aruba Hospital embarking on international cooperation

ORANJESTAD -- During the past 5 years the Aruba Hospital, Dr. Horacio E. Oduber Hospital, has developed a network of ample cooperation with different hospitals around the world.

Their decision to cooperate with a hospital has to do with the need that our hospital has to improve the quality of care. This type of need and cooperation, according to our hospital is something that exists in more hospitals in the world. Every hospital has a particular specialization which makes them excel. Usually it is a particular medical specialist who initiates the connection with a hospital and seeks the support from a hospital with a particular specialized skill needed to improve the quality of care for our local hospital.

The Aruba Hospital recently convened an agreement with the "Maxima Medisch Centrum" botica regarding the purchase of different medications. Through this cooperation the hospital is able to purchase certain medicines at a 40 to 80% reduced rate.

Other agreements of cooperation exist between "Elkerliek Ziekenhuis" in Helmond, the Netherlands, "Academisch Medisch Centrum Universiteit van Amsterdam." And on certain fields with "Academisch Ziekenhuis" of Nijmegen and Maastricht.

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Photo shows the Coordinator of Education of the Hospital, Mr. Frans Figaroa together with students of the Vrije Universiteit Medisch Centrum who have come here from the Netherlands for their one-month internship.

Hospital maintains a continuous relationship with "Amstel Academie" in Amsterdam. Aruban Cardiologists has an excellent relationship with the Fundacion Cardioinfantil in Bogota, Colombia. Our Neurologists also work in close collaboration with different Neurosurgeons in Bogota.

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## SETAR introduces the innovative Huawei U8110 Smartphone

SEROE BLANCO -- Recently, Aruba's national telecommunication company, SETAR N.V., introduced to the island the Huawei U8110, an Android cellular phone with many interesting features.

The brand Huawei is still unknown in the region; it is an Asian brand admired worldwide that has won various international awards.

Huawei (officially Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd.) is a multinational networking and telecommunications equipment company headquartered in Shenzhen, Guangdong, China. It is the largest networking and telecommunications equipment supplier in China and the second-largest supplier of mobile telecommunications infrastructure equipment in the world (after Ericsson).

Huawei was founded in 1988 by Ren Zhengfei and is an employee-owned company.

Its core activities are research and development (R&D), the production and marketing of telecommunications equipment, and the provision of customized network services to telecom carriers.

Huawei serves 31 of the world's 50 largest telecom operators and invests around 10 percent of its annual revenues in R&D.

As of the start of 2010, approximately 80% of the top 50 telecoms companies in the world work with Huawei. Prominent partners include BT, Vodafone, Motorola, France Telecom, T-Mobile, Portugal Telecom, Cox Communications, Bell Canada, and Clearwire.

Huawei sells its mobile devices to more than 140 countries at very attractive prices, serving more than 30 percent of the world population. Since July 21, 2011 SETAR N.V. is offering the Andriod U8110

cellular to the islanders.

The Huawei U8110 is a 3G Android smartphone with a 2.8 inch touchscreen and buttons for fast internet access. It offers options to make calls, SMS, MMS, instant messaging and e-mail, Google applications such as Google Map and Google Search, and you can upload pictures and videos with the 3.15 mega pixel camera. Its Wi-Fi and Bluetooth connections enable users to transfer a file or add songs in its MP3 player.

A few of the international awards Huawei has won are:

- In 2011 - the 'Excellence in Standards Development Award' from IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) the world society for professional technicians

- In 2010 - the 'Corporate Use of Innovation' award of the prestigious magazine 'The Economist'; three Global Telecom Business Innovation Awards and the 'Asia Pacific Growth Strategy Leadership

Award'

- In 2008 - Business Week included Huawei on the 'The World's Most Influential Companies' list.

- In 2007 Huawei appeared on the "World's Most Respected 200 Companies" list of Forbes Magazine.

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## Puerto Rico To Host 16th & 17th Annual Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Investment Conferences (CHTIC)

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico - The Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association (CHTA) and the Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) have announced that the Sheraton Puerto Rico Hotel & Casino in San Juan, Puerto Rico will be the host venue for the Annual Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Investment Conference (CHTIC) in 2012 and 2013. CHTIC 2012 will take place April 24-26, 2012, while CHTIC 2013 is scheduled for May 7-9, 2013.

"We have chosen Puerto Rico as the host destination for these crucial investment focused events for the next two years because of increased airlift options available to potential delegates traveling from the Caribbean as well as internationally," said Josef

Forstmayr, president of CHTA. "We expect the number of representatives from the Caribbean's leading public and private sector tourism industries will increase as a result thereby creating what is anticipated to be the biggest showing of potential lenders, investors, developers and design firms ever assembled in one place," he added.

"Investment in the Caribbean tourism industry is paramount to the local economies across the region. During my tenure as CHTA President, I have expressed that a successful tourism development program requires Caribbean tourism leaders come together to attract the necessary investments which are needed to allow the region to maintain its

attractiveness and visibility in a highly competitive industry. The CHTIC event provides a forum for these discussions," noted Forstmayr.

"The Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Investment Conference is a valuable event for all Caribbean government and private sector officials" said Minister Ricky Skerrett, CTO Chairman. "This important conference focuses on the need for Caribbean governments to work closely with the private sector to promote investment and maximize the earnings potential of Tourism for our region and our people."

Sponsorship opportunities are available for companies seeking to elevate their presence at these prestigious events. Sponsors will be high-

lighted throughout the conferences, as well as in CHTA's marketing and public relations activities leading up to and following the event. The Sponsors' Exhibit will also afford direct contact with representatives of sponsoring companies and will be open throughout the conference.

Immediately following the conference, CHTA will host its committee meetings, Board of Directors meeting and the Annual General Meeting.

Building on the momentum achieved in recent years with a growing interest in Caribbean tourism development, CHTIC is staged by two not-for-profit organizations - CHTA and the CTO. CHTA represents the regional hotel and tourism associations and CTO is the public

sector tourism body which represents the countries of the region. All funds from the conference are reinvested in the region for the benefit of the Caribbean tourism industry. CHTIC was founded by CHTA and CTO in 1997 with the specific objectives of improving the tourism investment and operating climate in the Caribbean, raising awareness of development opportunities and stimulating a continuing flow of equity and loan capital into the region.

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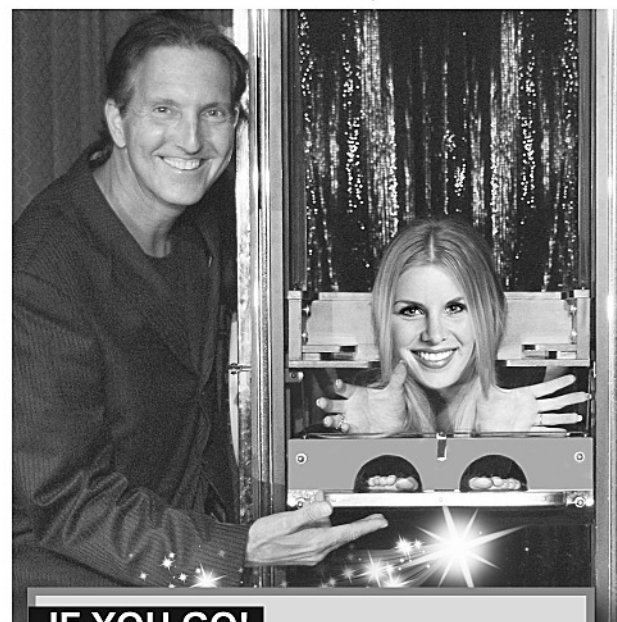
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# Chinese sub reaches new depth milestone

BEIJING (AFP) - A Chinese submersible conducted the country's deepest manned dive yesterday in the latest technological milestone for China, which theoretically puts most of the ocean floor's vast resources within its reach.

The Jiaolong undersea craft -- named after a mythi-

cal sea dragon -- reached 5,057 metres (16,591 feet) below sea level in a test dive in the northeastern Pacific, the State Oceanic Administration (SOA) said.

Though less than half as deep as a record dive by the US Navy in 1960, the achievement highlights China's push to catch up with

advanced nations in space, sea, and polar exploration, and points to its fast-growing technical capabilities.

This campaign has been exemplified by a space programme that in 2003 made China just the third nation to conduct manned space flight.

The Jiaolong -- designed for a maximum depth of

7,000 metres -- carried three people to 4,027 metres down in a test on Thursday.

It conducted the test dive to break the 5,000-metre mark early on Tuesday morning in international waters, the SOA said.

Afterwards, the submersible's three-man crew appeared on the deck of the mission's main ship triumphantly holding a Chinese flag in images broadcast on state television.

The test's success indicated that the submersible was capable of reaching more than 70 per cent of the planet's seabed, the SOA said.

China has pushed hard in recent years to obtain oil, minerals and other resources needed to fuel its growth, and has said its submersible programme is aimed at scientific research and the peaceful exploration and use of natural resources.

Scientists say the oceans' floors contain rich deposits of



potentially valuable minerals, but the extreme depths pose technical difficulties in harvesting them on a wide scale.

But it may not take China long to begin reaching these riches, Jian Zhimin, director of the State Key Laboratory of Marine Geology at Shanghai's Tongji University, told AFP.

The SOA said the submersible would attempt a 7,000-metre dive in 2012.

## Tech Withdrawal Similar to Giving Up Drinking, Smoking

Going without the Internet and other modern technologies, even for a short amount of time, can be as harrowing as giving up smoking or drinking, a new study suggests.

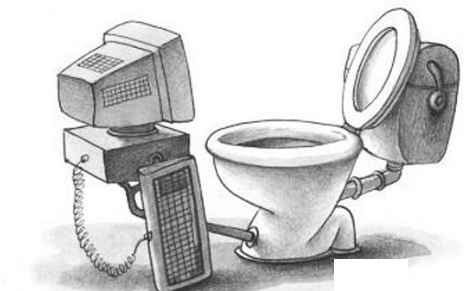
A new report from British consumer research firm Intersperience found that over half of people felt "upset" when asked to not use any technology for 24 hours and 40 percent felt "lonely" when not engaging in activities such as social networking, emails, texting or watching their favorite TV channels.

Intersperience asked more than 1,000 British adults ages 18 to over 65 about their digital lives and restricted participants to get through a full day without using technology. One participant described the challenge "like having my hand chopped off," while another called it "my biggest nightmare."

A significant number of people "cheated" by switching on the television or radio, saying they did not regard them as "technology." Others agreed to the challenge but turned their mobile phones to silent, alleging that being completely disconnected even for one day is "inconceivable."

Younger people -- who tend to be heavier users of social media and text messaging -- said they had the most difficulty giving up technology, while older people (over the age of 40) generally coped more easily.

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## Health & Living

### Deadly German E. coli outbreak is over: authorities



The Robert Koch Institute is one of the central institutions for health protection in Germany.

BERLIN (AFP) -An E.coli outbreak in Germany that killed more than 50 people this year has ended, health authorities said Tuesday.

The Robert Koch Institute, Germany's national disease control centre, said that

the last new case of enterohaemorrhagic E. coli (EHEC) was recorded three weeks ago, which covers the illness's incubation period.

"As the RKI has not had any new infections linked to this outbreak reported since then, the RKI considers the outbreak to be over," it said in a statement.

It said it would continue surveillance for the highly virulent bacteria strain which claimed the lives of 52 people, all but two in Germany, and sickened more than 4,000

people.

The outbreak peaked in late May.

The European Food Safety Agency this month slapped a temporary ban on all seeds and beans from Egypt after it blamed a batch of contaminated fenugreek seeds imported to Germany and then distributed elsewhere for the infections.

The seeds were later used to grow salad sprouts, which most victims had eaten before falling ill.

German authorities had initially pointed to Spanish cucumbers in error, dealing a stinging blow to the country's farming industry at the height of the fresh vegetable season and straining ties between the two countries.

### Michelle Obama happy with McDonald's menu shift



WASHINGTON (AFP)- US fast-food giant McDonald's unveiled a revamped menu Tuesday in a move to offer healthier options and join the fight against obesity, drawing praise from First Lady Michelle Obama.

The chain will add a serving

of fruit or vegetable to its "Happy Meals," which are aimed at children, and shrink the portion of French fries.

The new French fry holders will contain 1.1 ounces (31 grams) of potatoes, down from 2.4 ounces. The meals also will include apple slices, carrots, raisins, pineapple slices or other fresh produce. The change will cut calories by an average of 20 percent.

The move comes amid pressure from health advocacy groups to get the fast-food industry, blamed for much of the obesity epidemic, to offer more healthy choices.

"McDonald's is making continued progress today by providing more fruit and reducing the calories in its Happy Meals," the first lady

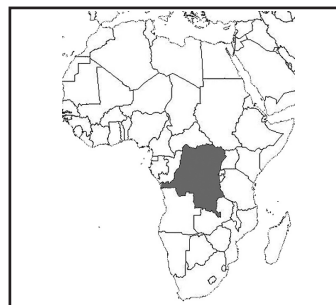
said in a statement.

"I've always said that everyone has a role to play in making America healthier, and these are positive steps toward the goal of solving the problem of childhood obesity. McDonald's has continued to evolve its menu, and I look forward to hearing about the progress of today's commitments, as well as efforts in the years to come."

McDonald's will begin rolling out the new Happy Meal in September, with the goal of having them available in all 14,000 restaurants in early 2012.

The new Happy Meal will also include the choice of a hamburger, cheeseburger or Chicken McNuggets, and options for low-fat milk.

### Measles kill over 1,000 DR Congo children since January: UN



KINSHASA (AFP)- A measles epidemic has killed 1,145 children in the Democratic Republic of Congo since January, the UN's Humanitarian Affairs mission in Kinshasa said.

The epidemic "has already affected 115,600 children and

killed 1,145" between January and June, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said in a statement.

This prompted the vaccination of 3.1 million children across five provinces it added.

The campaign swung into action in May after the NGO Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) deplored "the lack of reactivity" of organisations like the World Health Organisation to what it termed an "uncontrollable" epidemic.

The DR Congo is also battling cholera and polio epidemics.



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Special recognition went to Frederick Donata, who on his own initiative caught 8 lionfish. They are the leaders in this tournament.

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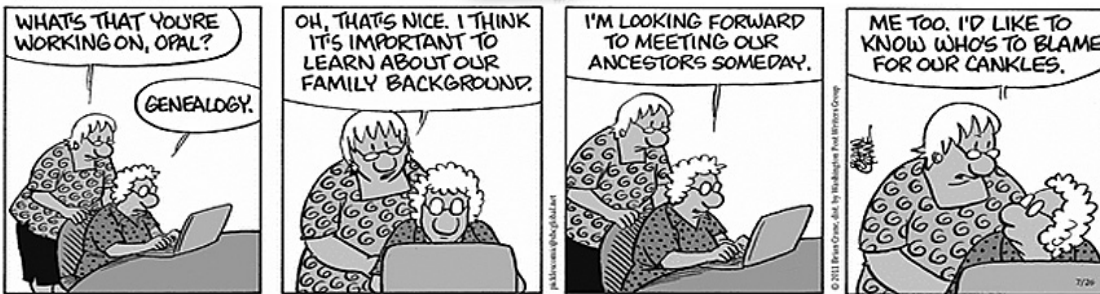
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8. Just
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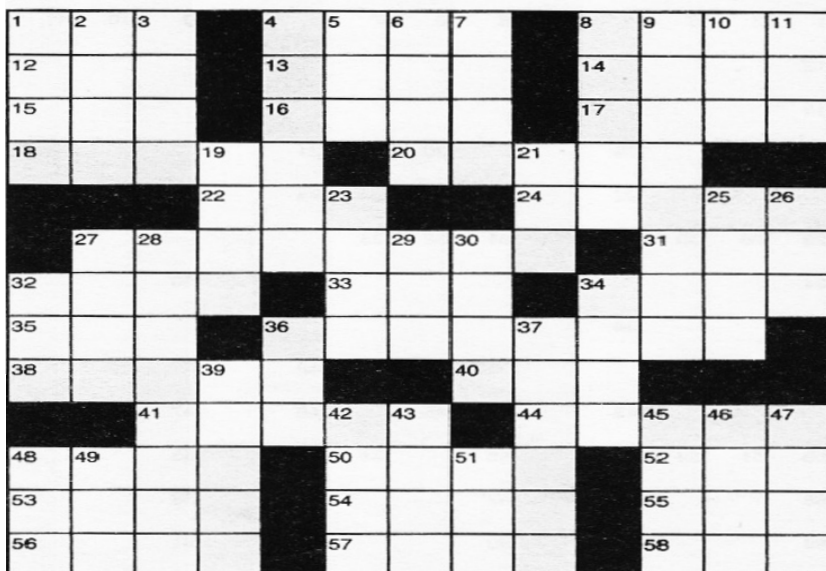
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27. Front-page banner
31. Long, long time
32. Battle
33. Onassis's nickname
34. Actor Estrada
35. Broadcast
36. Trash masher
38. Out of cash
40. Dip in liquid
41. Rice \_\_\_ (side dish)
44. Losing battery power
48. Actor Baldwin
50. Distribute
52. \_\_\_ Ami
53. Security

54. Paddock dweller
55. Once \_\_\_ blue moon (2 wds.)
56. Wayside spots
57. Canonized females (abbr.)
58. Dawn droplets

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1. Tug
2. Verdi opera
3. Wild hog
4. Harmony
5. "Pooh" character
6. Cream of the

7. Broker's advice
8. Biblical food
9. And so on (2 wds.)
10. King, in Paris
11. Mommy's three
19. Necklace part
21. Imitate
23. Jai \_\_\_
25. Work
26. Pen filler
27. Will beneficiary
28. German, e.g.
29. Tax agcy.
30. Pinches
32. Wonderful, Beatles-style
34. Catch sight of
36. Biden's home state (abbr.)
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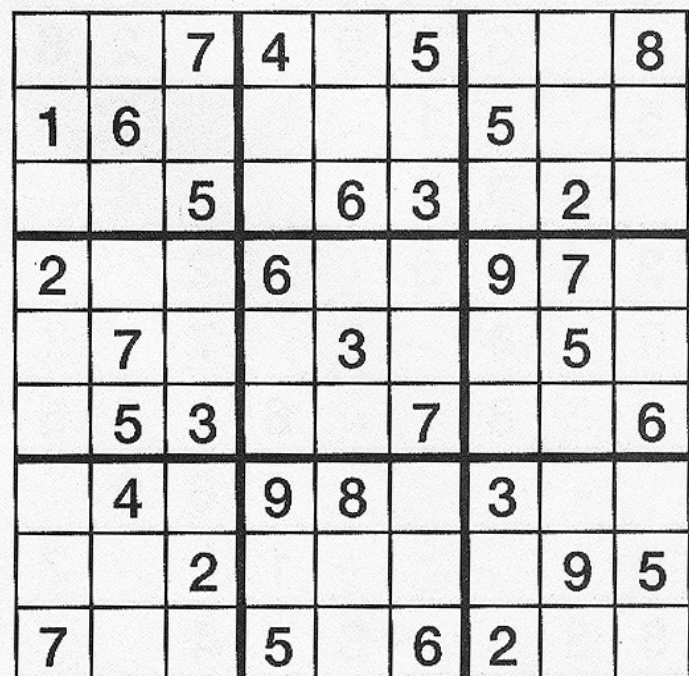
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# Sudoku



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4	2	2	3	9	1	5	6	8
6	3	9	8	2	2	4	9	1
8	1	9	5	6	7	2	3	4

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## Finance

# US lawmakers war over debt as world warily watches

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The White House threatened Tuesday that President Barack Obama would veto a two-step Republican debt deal, amid mounting global fears the world's top economy is on the brink of default.

As the dollar slid to new lows and stock markets wobbled, the White House raised the stakes as Obama's Democratic allies and his Republican foes remained deadlocked in a bitter battle to raise the \$14.3 trillion debt limit.

With a week to go before the United States hits an August 2 deadline and runs out of funds, Republican House Speaker John Boehner insisted his plan to raise the ceiling in two stages was the only "reasonable approach."

But in a solemn address to the nation late Monday, Obama said a two-stage debt ceiling increase was "kicking the can further down the road" and would only plunge the country into crisis once again in six months time.

"We can't allow the American people to become collateral damage to Washington's political warfare," Obama said, warning of a "deep economic crisis" if the United States, still emerging from recession, defaults.

The Office of Management and Budget said Tuesday the US administration "strongly opposes" the Boehner plan and if it is presented to Obama "the president's senior advisors would recommend that he veto this bill."

The Obama administration has said it will run out of funds to pay its bills from August 2 unless the debt ceiling is raised to allow it to continue borrowing.

Republicans have said they will only agree to raising the debt limit if there are accompanying measures to rein in the ballooning US deficit.

Obama has agreed to a raft of deep spending cuts, but Republicans emboldened by

newly elected arch-conservative Tea Party lawmakers have refused his demand for matching revenue increases to be imposed on the rich and big corporations.

Republican House Majority Leader Eric Cantor called on the party "to stop grumbling and whining and to come together as conservatives and rally behind the speaker and call the president's bluff," a Republican source said.

## US imposes new rules on high-speed traders

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US regulators on Tuesday announced new rules aimed at shedding light on the secretive industry of computerized high-speed trading, which has been blamed for destabilizing financial markets.

The Securities and Exchange Commission said the new rules were designed to

help it deal with events like the "flash crash" of May 6, 2010, when the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell nearly 1,000 points in a few minutes.

Under the new rules, traders whose market transactions exceed two million shares or \$20 million per day will need to disclose more in-

formation about themselves to the SEC, the agency said.

"The large trader reporting rule will significantly bolster our ability to oversee the US securities markets in a time when trades can be transacted in milliseconds or faster," Schapiro said.

The SEC drafted the new rules after a lengthy analysis of the "flash crash", which was triggered when a trader using a high-speed trading program placed an order to sell \$4 billion of futures contracts.

Other high-speed trading programs followed suit, leading to a huge sell-off in which the Dow plunged close to 1,000 points, although it recovered most of its losses within minutes.

The incident spooked investors and led to criticism of high-speed trading firms, who have been estimated to account for as much as 70 percent of all trades conducted on US stock markets.

## Saudis offers India crude to make up for Iran cut: report

NEW DELHI (AFP) - Saudi Arabia has agreed to sell three million barrels of extra crude oil to India to make up for a possible supply cut by Iran over billions of dollars in unpaid bills, a report said Tuesday.

Saudi Aramco, the national oil firm of Saudi Arabia, will supply one million barrels each to Indian oil groups Essar Oil, Bharat Petroleum and Hindustan Petroleum in August, the Press Trust of India quoted unnamed officials as saying.

India's Mangalore Refinery, too, is in talks to contract similar volumes, the news agency said.

Tehran warned late last month it would halt shipments to India from next month unless the payments dispute was resolved.

India is Iran's second largest client after China and absorbs about 20 percent of its crude exports, but Indian firms have been struggling for more than six months to pay Tehran due to international banking sanctions imposed on the Islamic republic over its nuclear programme.

The unpaid bills now total more than \$5 billion, according to the Indian government.

Annual trade between India and Iran stands at an estimated \$12 billion, with India purchasing some 400,000 barrels of Iranian crude per day.

India's oil minister S. Jaipal Reddy said late last week alternative supplies were being arranged to meet any shortfall of oil from Tehran from countries such as Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iraq as well as from Latin America.

## Latin America learns the price of growth

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Latin America is starting to learn the ironic lesson of its stunning economic growth: with it comes rising currencies and inflation which threaten to reverse many of the gains made.

Brazil's real soared on Monday to the highest level against the dollar since 1999, when the South American giant delinked from the US currency.

The latest jump came despite efforts by the Brazilian government to contain the rise

of the real, once seen as a badge of success but increasingly more a burden.

The currency has gained 72.8 percent against the dollar from its value in 2002.

The same thing is happening, to a lesser extent, in other Latin American economies -- Mexico's peso has firmed steadily against the dollar, as has Peru's nuevo sol and Chile's peso.

According to the agency Economatca, the dollar's purchasing power fell by 52.2 percent in the main regional economies between December 2002 and May 2011.

The UN's Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLA) forecasts that this year the region will expand by 4.7 percent.

Panama will lead the way growing some 8.5 percent, followed by Argentina at 8.3 percent. None is worried about contagion from the eurozone or US financial crises. But what is worrying them is inflation and currency appreciation.

Surging currencies in general have been strongly positive for regional companies. They have attracted foreign investment and have increased buying power in overseas markets for local firms and the people. This ends up boosting economic growth.

But rapid growth also fuels the spiral of inflation, which can eventually snuff out the benefits of growth and also cause hardship for those on the lower rungs of society.

And while exporters can earn more dollars for their products, they can also be confronted with rising world prices for raw materials, and their exports may rise in price on foreign markets.

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## Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest



Gold Coast entrance

Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their

own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service,



There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an immediate return on their investment.

The design of the structures is open, airy and spacious, fully deploying the island environment, with the finest quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their

homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour

security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management department.

Visit their website: [www.goldcoastaruba.com](http://www.goldcoastaruba.com) for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.

## Española Way Now for something completely different... Tapas Festival tonight in Palm Beach!



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A cozy new restaurant featuring authentic Spanish cuisine and a delightful rustic ambiance has opened in Palm Beach; a perfect place to enjoy a leisurely and social evening with friends over excellent food and some of the best sangria we have ever tasted-and we have sampled quite a bit of this popular favorite.

Española Way owner Oliver grew up on the Spanish island of Majorca, and loves to share that nation's very congenial manner of spending an evening lingering over intriguing delicacies called "tapas" while sipping a fine wine or the refreshing, fruity concoction that is the perfect accompaniment to island dining. He has converted a charming landmark cunucu house into an al fresco eatery; located just a short stroll from the hustle and bustle of the Palm Beach, center it allows patrons to truly enjoy Aruba's balmy breezes and tranquil environment.

Oliver and Chef Mario offer a diverse selection of delectable delicacies, which can be ordered individually or on a combo plank, a fine sampling of gourmet treats which are more than enough for 2 or 4, depending on your order. Mario also makes spectacular paella, which is a regular part of the menu every Tuesday and Sunday, or can be ordered ahead other days of the week.

Authentic Spanish treats such as Serrano ham and sausage are flown in regularly to be served fresh; Española Way boasts a wine cellar of more than 2000 bottles of fine vintages. Seafood and steaks are prepared over an

open wood grill, and the menu is very reasonably priced. Every Wednesday from 6:00 to 8:00 PM they conduct a "Tapas Festival," with a large selection from the tapas menu featured at 50% off the regular price, so if you have never tried these tasty treats from Spain, this is the perfect opportunity to discover this healthy



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Closed on Mondays, Española Way offers a very unique and enjoyable dining experience on Aruba; visit



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## Family, friends say goodbye to 'angel' Amy Winehouse



LONDON (AFP) - Amy Winehouse's family and friends paid their last respects to the troubled British soul singer at her funeral on Tuesday, three days after the 27-year-old was found dead at her London home.

Her father Mitch Winehouse ended his eulogy with the heartbreaking words: "Goodnight my angel, sleep tight. Mummy and Daddy love you ever so much."

He and his ex-wife Janis have said they were "devastated" by the death of their daughter, who was one of the finest British singers of her generation but had struggled with addictions to alcohol and drugs.

A post-mortem examination on Monday failed to establish a formal cause of death, and police said the results of further toxicology tests could take between two and four weeks. However, her death is not being viewed as suspicious.

DJ Mark Ronson, who produced most of the 2006 album "Back to Black" which catapulted Winehouse to international stardom, was among several hundred people

attending the Jewish funeral at Edgwarebury Cemetery in northwest London.

The service included prayers in English and Hebrew and ended with everyone singing Winehouse's favourite song, "So Far Away" by Carole King.

After the service, the singer's body was taken to a nearby crematorium, where a smaller group would say goodbye, before the family begin two days of mourning.

"Mitch was funny, he told some great stories from childhood about how headstrong

she was, and clearly the family and friends recognised the stories and laughed along," a spokesman said afterwards.

Winehouse's boyfriend, Reg Traviss, told The Sun newspaper on Tuesday that the past few days had been "hell".

Traviss had been dating Winehouse for two years, following her divorce from Blake Fielder-Civil in July 2009. Their two-year marriage had been tempestuous, and Fielder-Civil spent part of it behind bars for attacking a pub landlord.

With her sultry vocals, Winehouse became an international star with "Back to Black", her second and last album, which won her five Grammy awards and also contained her biggest-selling single "Rehab".

The singer is expected to top the British charts when they come out on Sunday following a huge surge in demand for "Back to Black" and her debut album, "Frank", released in 2003.

## Kat Von D And Jesse James Call Of Engagement !



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Sandra Bullock's former husband Jesse James -- whose alleged infidelity triggered their divorce last year -- has split up with tattoo artist girlfriend Kat Von D, whom he was going to marry.

Motorbike-riding TV presenter James, who had said 2010 was the best year of his life because he fell in love with Von D, said he was devastated by their separation.

"I'm so sad because I really love her," James told People magazine. "The distance between us was just too much."

Von D -- or Katherine Drachenberg -- said on her Twitter feed: "I am no longer w Jesse, and out of respect for him, his family and myself, thats all the info I'd like to share. Thanks for respecting that."

Announcing their wedding plans in January, James said: "I have never met anyone so kind and loving and committed to making the world a better place every day. My love for her is beyond description."

She added at the time: "There is no one else for me. He's the one."

Bullock, 47, filed for divorce in April 2010, ending their five-year marriage, after allegations by tattooed stripper Michelle "Bombshell" McGee that she had been involved in an affair with James for several months.

James, who hosts the reality TV show "Monster Garage," apologized to his wife and children at the time, and reportedly sought in-patient treatment at a clinic.

Bullock's marriage unraveled just 10 days after she scooped a best actress Oscar last year for her performance in "The Blind Side," where she played a southern housewife who adopts a troubled homeless teenager.

## U2 documentary to open Toronto film fest

MONTREAL (AFP) - The Toronto film festival will open this year with a documentary about Irish rockers U2, and will see world premieres of new works by Luc Besson and Francis Ford Coppola, organizers said Tuesday.

The festival, which runs from September 8-18, will also feature the North American premieres of films by Pedro

Almodovar, Nanni Moretti, George Clooney, Madonna and controversial Danish director Lars von Trier.

"For the first time in 36 years, the Toronto International Film Festival will open with a documentary," said event co-director Cameron Bailey.

"From The Sky Down," which tells the story of the popular Irish band, is directed by David Guggenheim, who won an Oscar for "An Inconvenient Truth" on climate

change featuring former US vice president Al Gore.

The Toronto event is North America's largest film festival and has traditionally been a key event for Oscar-conscious studios and distributors because it is attended by a sizable contingent of North American media.

Unlike the Cannes and Berlin festivals, Toronto does not have an official competition or award jury prizes, but an audience prize is handed out.



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# Argentina parts ways with coach Sergio Batista



BUENOS AIRES (AFP) - Argentina's Copa America flop has cost coach Sergio Batista his job as the Argentine Football Association said Monday they were parting ways with the manager.

AFA's Ernesto Cherquis Bialo confirmed Batista's departure after a meeting of the AFA executive committee on Monday.

Although Batista only officially replaced Diego Maradona six months earlier, his days had appeared to be numbered after Argentina exited the Copa on home soil after a quarter-final shootout loss to old rivals Uruguay -- who went on to win the title.

Batista was vilified in the press for not seeming to know his best team -- he chopped and changed after a poor start before Carlos Tevez, whom he dropped after two games, returned to miss the decisive spotkick against Uruguay.

There was no immediate word on a successor, although the main candidates appear to be Alejandro Sabella and Paraguay coach Gerardo Martino.

As a player, Sabella had brief stints with Sheffield United and Leeds. He is set to take charge of Al Jazira in the United Arab Emirates.

Sabella won the Copa Lib-

ertadores with Estudiantes two years ago.

Cherquis Bialo insisted that Batista "wasn't sacked" but in fact the AFA unilaterally decided to cut ties with the coach who before taking the helm of the national team had guided Argentina to Olympic gold at the Beijing Olympics.

Batista, 48, took over from Maradona after the 2010 World Cup finals initially on a temporary basis, but landed a permanent role just three months into the job.

During his tenure, Batista guided Argentina in 17 matches, with eight victories six draws and three defeats.

In discussing a future trainer, Cherquis Bialo said the decision would be taken calmly and probably announced in the coming week.

The departure of "Checho" is another in a string of managerial changes for Argentina since the 2004 exit of Marcelo Bielsa. He was succeeded by Jose Pekerman (2004/06), Alfio Basile (2006/08), Maradona (2008/2010) and Batista.

In announcing the move, the AFA also announced the cancellation of a friendly scheduled against Romania on August 10 in Bucharest.

With that cancellation, the next scheduled fixtures for Argentina are tune-ups before they begin 2014 World Cup qualifying in October against Chile.

## Polish fans avoid hooligan ban, if they behave



WARSAW (AFP) - Poland's premier league said Tuesday it would not extend a blanket away-fan ban imposed in the dying days of last season, but that supporters are on notice to behave, amid pressure to beat hooliganism before Euro 2012.

In a statement, the Ekstraklasa said the decision came at crunch talks in Warsaw on Tuesday between its board and heads of its 16 clubs, after meetings that also involved fan organisations.

The Ekstraklasa kicks off

on Friday.

"Organised groups of away fans will be allowed to attend matches in the T-Mobile Ekstraklasa, provided each official fan club signs up an agreement between the fan clubs and the Ekstraklasa," the statement said.

"Under that agreement, the fans clubs have pledged to observe the law at T-Mobile Ekstraklasa matches, both on the way to the stadium and inside," it added.

"Violation of the pledge will result in sanctions being

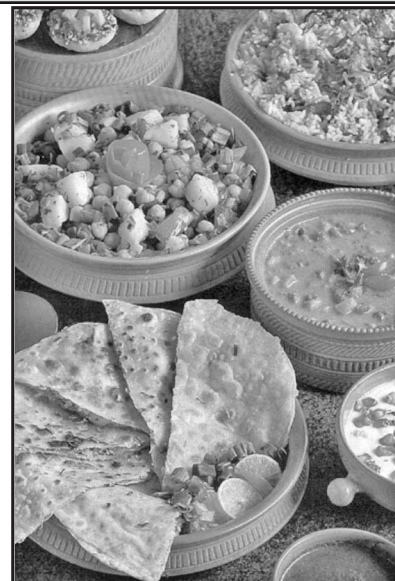
imposed by the Ekstraklasa's legal arm, including possible away-fan bans for the team concerned for the rest of the 2011-12 season," it said.

If any fan clubs refuse to sign up, home sides will have the automatic right to bar them from away games.

Poland is striving to stamp out hooliganism before the 2012 European Championship, which the country will host with neighbouring Ukraine.

The authorities say there are up to 5,000 hardcore hooligans in this nation of 38 million, in a gang culture which has arisen since the communist regime crumbled in 1989 and apes England's once-notorious "firms".

Police and the PZPN got tough following crowd violence at the May 3 cup final between Legia and Lech Poznan.



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## Pele named honorary ambassador for 2014 World Cup

BRASILIA (AFP) - Football legend Pele on Tuesday accepted an invitation from Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff to act as an honorary ambassador for the 2014 World Cup.

The 70-year-old Brazilian said it was an honour that he could not turn down.

"From the first World Cup that I played (in 1958) I've been doing this: I defend and promote Brazil. It's a very big responsibility and I could not turn down the invitation," said Pele.

Pele told his compatriots to show their pride in hosting

the tournament by putting aside criticism over delays and the slow pace of preparations to stage the best World Cup possible.

Sports Minister Orlando Silva said that Pele had been a natural choice because of "all he had done for sport in Brazil. He's a man who knows a lot about the world of football. He's going to help and represent us".

Pele won the World Cup three times - 1958, 1962 and 1970 - and is the top scorer of all time with 1,281 goals throughout his career.

## Beckham, Henry see chance to shock Man United

NEW YORK (AFP) - French playmaker Thierry Henry and English star midfielder David Beckham see their Major League Soccer All-Star squad in with a chance against Manchester United in their Wednesday matchup.

But both European stars admit pulling an upset will be tough.

"Man United is Man United. I think everybody, in a way, expects them to win," said Henry, the former Arsenal star who tops MLS scoring for the New York Red Bulls.

"We are going to try to cause an upset and see how we can do it. We all know it is going to be a difficult one, but we will try."

Beckham, in the final season of his contract with the Los Angeles Galaxy, is a former Man United star relishing the chance to face his former club.

"We have a chance on Wednesday. It will be tough," Beckham said. "It's never easy coming up against Manchester United, no matter where you play in the world. It's going to be a difficult game but it's going to be a game to enjoy."

The Reds will bring star forwards Wayne Rooney and Javier "Chicharito" Hernandez plus top defenders Rio Ferdinand and Nemanja Vidic to face the best talent the American league has to offer.



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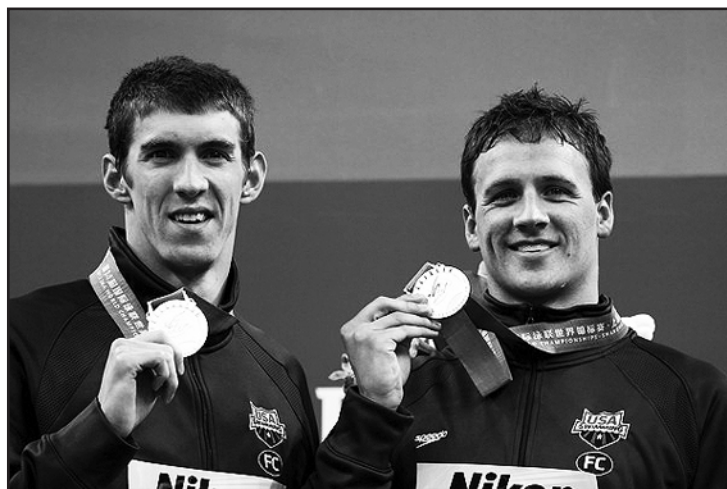
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## Phelps suffers shock defeat in Shanghai



Silver medalist Michael Phelps (L) of United States poses with team mate gold medalist Ryan Lochte after the Men's 200m Freestyle Final

SHANGHAI (AFP) - Michael Phelps' rocky season took another turn for the worse Tuesday when the 14-time Olympic gold medallist was stunned in the world championships 200m freestyle by US team-mate Ryan Lochte.

Phelps led over the first 100m until Lochte surged from third place to claim a narrow win in 1min 44.44sec, with defending champion Paul Biedermann of Germany third.

The result means Phelps, the Olympic champion and former world record-holder in the event, fails to regain the crown he lost to super-suit-wearing Biedermann two years ago. South Korea's Park Tae-Hwan was fourth.

"I think that if I was on the other side of the pool that race could have been played a little different. I think I woke him up in the first 100 and he went with it," Phelps said.

"I can't complain. I'm bummed I didn't win. But at the same time with what we've done over the last 18 months, I'm over a second

faster than I was last year and a second-and-a-half off my best time in a suit."

Phelps remains on course for a possible five gold medals in Shanghai, which would match his haul in Rome two years ago. He claimed bronze on Sunday when the United States suffered a rare defeat in the 4x100m freestyle relay.

Meanwhile Camille Lacourt and Jeremy Stravius bizarrely became France's first male world champions - in the same race. Both swimmers won the 100m backstroke in 52.76, in only the second such incident in world championships history.

The unusual result echoes 2007's 100m freestyle world title race when Italy's Filippo Magnini and Brent Hayden of Canada both topped the podium with identical times of 48.43.

In other results, America's Rebecca Soni defended her 100m breaststroke world crown ahead of Olympic champion Leisel Jones of Australia and Asian title-holder Ji Liping of China.

And Zhao Jing secured

China's second swimming gold in another upset win when she beat Olympic title-holder Natalie Coughlin into third place in the women's 100m backstroke.

Zhao finished in 59.05sec, just one-hundredth of a second faster than 2009 silver-medallist Anastasia Zueva of Russia.

"The really difficult thing about backstroke is you never really know where you are in the race. In prelims yesterday morning I thought I was in fourth place and I was ahead," Coughlin said.

"Being that the meet's here in Shanghai I knew the Chinese were going to be very, very strong."

The win for Zhao, 20, follows 15-year-old Ye Shiwen's stunning triumph for China in the women's 200m individual medley, when she shocked the reigning world and Olympic champions on Monday.

Also on Tuesday, Danish 800m world champion Lotte Friis built an early lead and stayed ahead to win the women's 1500m by six seconds from American world record-holder Kate Ziegler and China's Li Xuanxu.

But most attention focused on Phelps, who has said he is into the final year of his career as he builds towards London 2012, where he will aim to add to his 14 Olympic titles -- including a record-breaking eight in Beijing.

The 26-year-old Baltimore Bullet admits he has struggled for motivation since the 2008 Games, and has slumped to a series of shock defeats this season. But he says he is back on track and training well under coach Bob Bowman.

## MLB Standings

American League					National League				
East	W	L	Pct	GB	East	W	L	Pct	GB
BOSTON	62	37	.626	--	PHILADELPHIA	64	36	.640	--
NY YANKEES	59	40	.596	3.0	ATLANTA	59	43	.578	6.0
TAMPA	53	47	.530	9.5	NY METS	50	51	.495	14.5
TORONTO	51	51	.500	12.5	WASHINGTON	49	52	.485	15.5
BALTIMORE	40	58	.408	21.5	FLORIDA	49	53	.480	16.0
Central					Central				
DETROIT	54	47	.535	--	PITTSBURG	52	47	.525	--
CLEVELAND	51	48	.515	2.0	ST. LOUIS	53	48	.525	--
CHICAGO	49	51	.490	4.5	MILWAUKEE	54	49	.524	--
MINNESOTA	47	54	.465	7.0	CINCINNATI	50	51	.495	3.0
KANSAS	42	59	.416	12.0	CHICAGO	42	60	.412	11.5
West					West				
TEXAS	58	44	.569	--	SAN FRANCISCO	59	43	.578	--
LA ANGELES	55	47	.539	3.0	ARIZONA	55	47	.539	4.0
OAKLAND	44	57	.436	13.5	COLORADO	48	54	.471	11.0
SEATTLE	43	58	.426	14.5	LA DODGERS	45	56	.446	13.5
					SAN DIEGO	44	58	.431	15.0

## Unbeaten Alvarez to defend crown in September

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Unbeaten Saul Alvarez will defend his World Boxing Council super welterweight title on September 17 at Los Angeles against Mexican compatriot Alfonso Gomez, promoters announced on Tuesday.

The fight, coming during

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Quarterback John Skelton of the Arizona Cardinals reports to the team's training center facility on July 26, 2011 in Tempe, Arizona.

the Mexican Independence Day weekend, will be linked on pay-per-view purchases with unbeaten US star Floyd Mayweather's fight in Las Vegas the same night against American Victor Ortiz.

Alvarez, nicknamed "Canelo" or Cinnamon, is 37-0 with one draw and 27 knockouts. The 21-year-old from Guadalajara won the vacant crown in March with a unanimous 12-round decision over Britain's Matthew Hatton and defended the title last month in his hometown against British shoutpaw Ryan Rhodes.

"I feel confident I'm going to win," Alvarez said. "I hope the fight will be explosive because that's what fans will be looking for between two Mexican warriors like us."

Gomez, also from Guadalajara, is 23-4 with two drawn and 12 knockouts. He is on a five-fight win streak and taking his second shot at a world title.

"I know Canelo's team thinks I'm just another notch on his belt, but it's not the first time a popular fighter made the same mistake," Gomez said.





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## Worries persist over Brazil readiness for 2014



SAO PAULO (AFP) - FIFA will Saturday fire the starting gun for the build-up to the 2014 World Cup in Brazil, with the qualifying draw in Rio.

But lingering worries over security and the country's infrastructure continue to occupy the minds of organisers.

Several of the 12 venues, including the mythical Maracana in Rio, remain either behind schedule on construction or renovation, and/or over budget.

A mooted new venue in Natal in the north east of the huge country of almost 200 million people has yet to see the light of day and another in Minas Gerais state in the south east is behind schedule owing to worker protests.

"If work goes on at its current rate, when we have the Confederations Cup a year before the World Cup, there won't be matches in Rio and Sao Paulo - the World Cup venues won't be ready," FIFA president Sepp Blatter fretted in March.

Organisers in Rio say they believe that the Maracana will finally be spick and span in time - but only after renovations costing some 625 million dollars.

Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff insists that the construction programme "will be duly completed on time," in

the words of her Ministry of Sports assessor Alcino Rocha.

But above and beyond the stadium costs further associated public funds of public investment are still required to the tune of an estimated 11.4 billion dollars.

Much of that will go on improving the road network, boosting hotel capacity, reinforcing security, modernising telecommunications systems and also improving air traffic capacity with the current network's capacity already full to bursting point.

A major influx of tourism on a nationwide scale would likely see the system collapse, causing chaos to the travel plans of hundreds of thousands of fans.

"During June and July 2014, the Cup will generate an additional flow of some 2.25 million passengers through Brazilian airports," according to a report from the Getulio Vargas Foundation and consultancy Ernst & Young Terco.

That influx corresponds only to median passenger numbers for the summer of 2009, meaning extra capacity is sorely needed.

"To deal with this increase investments of 1.213 billion reais" - or some 777.5 million dollars - will be undertaken, according to the report.

Official reports warn that of 13 airports being expanded in time for the Copa to serve the 12 venues, nine will not be completed on time.

"One cannot see this issue just in terms of the Cup - there has to be planning so that the investments can be signed off and approved," Marcos Nicolas, executive director of Ernst & Young Terco, told AFP.

The government has already launched plans to privatise several major airports, including Guarulhos, serving

Sao Paulo, Viracopos (Campinas) and Brasilia.

Although officials say things are coming together, respected sports journalist Celso Unzelte warns that the country's "structural problems...won't get resolved in

three years."

Unzelte indicated to AFP: "The event will go ahead as FIFA dropped the level of its demands" for the hosting of the jamboree.

And Unzelte added that, despite former president Luiz

Inacio Lula da Silva insisting the country would pull it off, Brazil in reality "cannot aspire to host the best World Cup in history," even as it strains to modernise as fast as possible to meet expectations.

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